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I declare: that my residence and citizenship is as stated below next to my name; that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only I am named below) or joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the specification attached hereto entitled

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that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my prior copending United States application, Serial No. 10/645,686 filed August 20, 2003 titled "End Illuminated Bragg Grating Based Optical Identification Element", and I claim the benefits under 35 USC 120 of the above-identified prior application;

that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; that I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application; that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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